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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 12 as follows:

This embodiment, also, just like the first embodiment according to Claim 1, has the advantage that it can be used without complications for specific special applications, such as a very narrow canal or a lot of hair at the end of the auditory canal, or other anomalies of the ear anatomy.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 20 as follows:

Further developments of the invention are the object of the other dependent claims described hereafter in the specification and claims.

Please insert the following title on page 4, between lines 21 and 22 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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Please replace the paragraphs from page 4, line 5 to page 5, line 13 as follows:

Fig. 1[:] is a view of an ear and earpiece from the side, with the earpiece appearing according to the first embodiment inserted in it;

Fig. 2[: cross-section] is a cross-sectional view taken along line II-II in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3, and Fig. 4[:] on a larger scale, illustrate representations of an actual manufactured earpiece of the embodiment according to Fig. 1, Figs. 1 and 2;

Fig. 5[:] is a view of an earpiece placed in an external ear, according to the construction corresponding to the first embodiment;

Fig. 6[:] is a view of an ear from the side, with the earpiece according to the second embodiment inserted therein in it;

Fig. 7[: cross-section] is cross-sectional view taken along line VII-VII in Fig. 6;

Fig. 8, and Fig. 9: on a larger scale, illustrate representations of an actual manufactured earpiece of the embodiment according to Fig. 6, Figs. 6 and 7;

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line ¹⁰, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is therefore the task of the invention to create an earpiece for an "open" BTE hearing aids, for CI components (cochlear implant microphone systems and CI BTE processors), or BTE tinnitus systems, which are characterized not only by a minimal feeling of wearing a foreign body, and good wearing comfort, but primarily in that natural sound processing in the human ear can be utilized with as little distortion as possible, in order to ensure a maximum degree of hearing correction and sense of natural hearing.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line ¹², with the following rewritten paragraph:

A particular advantage of the earpiece according to Claim 5 the present invention can be seen in that there is great freedom with regard to the structure of the clip that goes around the external ear in the shape of an arc, which in turn can be utilized for additional stabilization of the earpiece. The further development according to Claim 6 goes in this direction.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line ¹⁷, with the following rewritten paragraph:

If the main body of the earpiece that provides the hold is extended into the region of the crus anthelicus, according to Claim 7, stabilization of the main body is further improved, which makes it possible to further reduce the size of the main body. At the same time, this improves the wearing comfort, and it also has advantages in terms of cosmetics.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 1 shows an earpiece, with the reference number 20, for a BTE device, which is used in the cavum conchae, referred to with the reference number 22. The crus helices is referred to with the reference number 24, and the auditory canal, i.e. the meatus acusticus externus, is referred to with the reference number 26.